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GAUGE CONVERSION OF JAINAGAR-DARBHANGA-SITAMARHI RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the work on gauge conversion of Jainagar-Darbhanga-Sitamarhi rail line was started;

(b) the progress so far made on the project;

(c) the reasons for delay in completion of the said project;

(d) the amount spent on the project till date; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): The gauge conversion work of Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj- Sitamarhi rail line was included in the Budget 1997-98.

(b) to (e): Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up. Recently, gauge conversion of Narkatiaganj-Bhiknathori section has been approved as a part of this project. The project is being progressed as per the overall availability of resources. The overall physical progress is 32%. An expenditure of Rs.57.54 cr. (approx.) has been incurred on the project up to 31.3.2005.

An outlay of Rs.20 crore has been provided for the project in the Budget 2005-06. The target date for completion of the project has not been fixed.